GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1082
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FM NEWS CHANNELS
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to launch round the clock FM news channels in some selected cities;

(b) whether the proposal in this regard has been cleared by the Government;

(c) if so, the cities which are likely to be covered under the FM news channels from 2000- 2001;

(d) whether the news channels will contain news in regional languages also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b) : Government has not received any proposal in this regard from Prasar Bharati. However, information is being collected from Prasar Bharati.

(c), (d) & (e): Do not arise.